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A P L A N of the Course of the intended C A N A L,
in the Neighbourhood of *Sandwell* and *Hamstead*, the
Seats of Lord *Dartmouth* and Mr. *Birch*.

M R. *BIRCH*, in a printed Case, states, That if the Bill passes into a Law, “ I am at once deprived of
“ my expected Pleasure and Enjoyment, *as* the Line of the Canal is designed to be conducted through
“ more than Two Miles of my Property, within Sight and Hearing of my House, unavoidably in View of my
“ Walks; and in such a Degree *insupportably* will it be, that the Female Part of my Family will not be able
“ to go out, without almost a Certainty of being insulted by Bargemen.”—The best Apology for this *extraor-*
dinary Case is, that it was published *before* Mr. *Birch* had carefully examined the Plan of the intended Canal.
—He has now examined the said Plan, and we trust to his Candor for a faithful Representation of Facts.

As it is possible that unfavourable Impressions may have been made on Gentlemen, *and Ladies too*, by
a prevailing Opinion, that the Canal would in Fact go close under the Windows of Mr. *Birch*'s House—

It will not be improper, we hope, to assert,

That the said House stands on the Summit of a steep Hill, and that the Canal is intended to be carried
in a Valley, at the medium Distance of Half a Mile from the said House.

That the said Canal will not pass through any Lands which *now are or ever have been* in Mr. *Birch*'s Occu-
pation. Neither hath Mr. *Birch* either made any Plantations or Walks in or through the said Lands—or
made any *visible* Preparations for beginning such pleasureable Improvements; neither hath he, it is be-
lieved, made any Application to his Tenant, who holds the said Land for an unexpired Term of up-
wards of Forty Years, for *Permission* to make such Improvement.—Mr. *Birch* can explain this.—Hence
it may appear, that Mr. *Birch*'s *Pleasure-Grounds* will not be injured by cutting the Canal through his Estate.
—But it will pass, he says, within *Sight* of his House, and unavoidably *in View* of his Walks.—If Mr.
Birch means that the Canal may be viewed *from* his House, and *from* his Walks—we conceive that a Canal,
at a proper Distance, will be no offensive Object, when it is considered that Nature has unkindly denied Mr.
Birch a Prospect of much Water—but, *de gustibus non est disputandum*.

If he means that his House will be a disagreeable Object from the Canal, we must beg Leave to suspend
our Opinion on that Head, till the Canal is finished.

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Between Mr. *Birch*'s House and the Line of the intended Canal, are the several Fields marked in the Plan, and a common Road leading to Mr. *Vaughton*'s; so that, as the necessary Fences cut off the Possibility of an immediate Communication between Mr. *Birch*'s House and the intended Canal, we presume it will be possible for *any Part* of Mr. *Birch*'s Family to go out without an *almost Certainty* of having their Ears or Eyes offended by the indecent Language, or more indecent Gestures, of Boatmen.—We wish Mr. *Birch* had given some Instances of such Annoyance, which already had happened to his Neighbours, situate almost close to the Line of the *Birmingham Canal*.

His other Objections, on the Head of the Depredations, &c. of Bargemen, have been already obviated in the Case of Lord *Dartmouth*.

As to any Plan which Mr. *Birch* may have an Idea of executing at his *Leisure* and *Convenience*, we trust, that however replete it may be with Taste and Elegance, it will not be suffered to stand in Competition with the *present* substantial Project for the Accommodation of the Public.

It might have been expected, that Persons who have not scrupled to assert that we should destroy Pleasure-Grounds, would have before this Time given the Public an engraved Sketch of such Pleasure-Grounds so to be destroyed *and cut to Pieces* by our Canal.

The Term *Pleasure-Ground*, is quite indefinite; but, to avoid all Possibility of Cavils, we have subjoined a Plan; from which it is evident that our Canal will neither deface or cut to Pieces *any Pleasure-Ground whatever*, belonging to Lord *Dartmouth* or *George Birch*, Esquire.

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TO

GEORGE BIRCH, Esq;

TOGETHER WITH

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